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FOR: IDENTIFICATION OF DEC, A RECEPTOR WITH C-TYPE LECTIN DOMAINS, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING DEC, AND USES THEREOF

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SIR:

I, MICHEL NUSSENZWEIG, hereby declare and state that:

1. I am a Howard Hughes Investigator, Sherman Fairchild Professor and Senior Physician at Rockefeller University having received my Ph.D. degree from the Rockefeller University in 1981 and my M.D. degree from New York University in 1982. I received postdoctoral medical and scientific training at Harvard University. My full curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. My principal area of research is in Immunology and among other positions I serve as reviewer in numerous funding agencies of many countries, including the National Institute of Health, March of Dimes, Dana Foundation. I also have served as reviewer for numerous scientific journals, and I am the Editor of the Journal of Experimental Medicine and the Journal of Immunologic Methods.

3. In the course of my activities, I have been listed as inventor on several patent applications, including the one noted above entitled "IDENTIFICATION OF DEC, A RECEPTOR WITH C-TYPE LECTIN DOMAINS, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING DEC, AND USES THEREOF", having U.S. Serial Number 09/586,704, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial Number 08/381,528, filed on January 31, 1995, now abandoned.

4. I have reviewed the disclosure of the present application, with particular emphasis on the support in the application as filed for the preparation and generation of antibodies against human and mouse DEC-205 proteins.

5. The present application claims a vaccine for inducing an immune response comprising an antigen from a pathogen conjugated to a Dendritic and Epithelial Cell-205 (DEC-205) ligand, wherein the DEC-205 ligand is an anti-human DEC-205 antibody or an anti-murine DEC-205 antibody reactive with a human DEC-205 protein and an immune stimulator. More particularly, the human DEC-205 protein has a carboxy terminal and amino terminal amino acid sequence as disclosed in the present application as SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 2, respectively. As noted in the application, the first 19 amino acid residues of the amino terminal human DEC-205 protein were used to generate antibodies that reacted with human DEC-205.

6. The subject matter of the present application was based on work performed in my laboratory, whereby the human DEC-205 molecule was cloned and expressed (Guo, M., Gong, S., Maric, S., Misulovin, Z., Pack, M., Mahnke, K., Nussenzweig, M.C. & Steinman, R.; (2000), A monoclonal antibody to the DEC-205 endocytosis receptor on human dendritic cells, *Human Immunology* 61:729-738). Anti-human DEC-205 antibodies were then prepared by immunizing animals with the first 19 amino acid residues from the N terminal fragment of the cloned human DEC-205 protein, which is shown in the present application as SEQ ID NO: 2.

7. To summarize briefly, the cloning of human DEC-205 was done through use of a cDNA fragment of the 3' portion of mouse DEC-205. This was used to screen a human lymphocyte and thymus cDNA library using standard procedures known to those skilled in the art. In particular, the cDNA fragment of mouse DEC-205 was used to screen a human lymphocyte matchmaker cDNA library (EBV-transformed human peripheral blood B lymphocytes) and a human thymus 5'-stretch plus cDNA library in a Ogt10 vector (Clontech Laboratories, Palo Alto, CA, USA). Positive clones were identified by DNA sequencing on both strands using Sequenase (United State Biochemical, Cleveland, OH, USA), or the dye determinator kit (PE Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) and automated sequencing (Appplied Biosystems model 371). The human cDNAs were expressed in pEF-BOS modified to carry a 3' human Fc fragment that was in frame with the insert. DEC-205 leader, CR domain, and FnII domains were amplified from plasmids by PCR using 5' MG31 primers and 3' MG35 primers. The 5' – primer contains a SpeI site, while the 3' – primer contains a

Not site and codes for PRR at the junction point of DEC-205 and the Fc tag. The human DEC-205 Fc fusion protein was produced by transiently transfecting 293 cells using calcium phosphate mediated gene transfer. The fusion protein was purified on protein A sepharose and was then used to inject mice. Following several booster injections, the serum was tested for antibodies that reacted with the CR-FnII domain of the human DEC-205 molecule using Western blot procedures. Afterwards, the spleens were harvested from those animals showing a positive reaction and were fused with SP2/0 cells. The supernatants were screened by ELISA, dot blot, thymus tissue staining and FACS analysis. Cell clones that secreted anti-human DEC-205 antibodies were further subcloned and expanded.

8. The present application teaches the preparation of vaccines for inducing an immune response by conjugating an antigen to a DEC-205 antibody for targeting to the DEC-205 receptor on specific cells, such as dendritic cells. The antibodies that react with the DEC-205 proteins, in particular, the anti-human DEC-205 antibodies, were prepared using the amino acid residues from the amino terminal end of the cloned human DEC-205 protein, as described in the present application, and further attested to in this declaration. Thus, it is my belief that the disclosure of the present application provides sufficient written description for a person skilled in the art to prepare such antibodies that react with human DEC-205 protein.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 of the U.S. Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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1982	M.D. - New York University School of Medicine

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1982-1985	Intern & Resident, Internal Medicine Massachusetts General Hospital
1984-1985	Clinical Fellow, Infectious Diseases Massachusetts General Hospital

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1986-1989	Harvard Medical School, Department of Genetics

Professional Appointments

1990-1996	Assistant & Associate Professor, The Rockefeller University
1990-1999	Assistant & Associate Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
1996-present	Professor & Senior Physician, The Rockefeller University
1999-present	Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
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Honors & Awards

Summa Cum Laude, New York University College of Arts and Sciences - 1975; Phi Beta Kappa, New York University College of Arts and Sciences - 1975; Alpha Omega Alpha, New York University Medical School - 1982; Bertram M. Gresner Memorial Research Award, New York University School of Medicine – 1982; Elected Member American Society of Clinical Investigators - 1997, Solomon A. Berson Award for Basic Science - 2002

Teaching:

Immunology, Course Organizer

Institutional:

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Chair, Animal Care and Use Committee

Chair, Hospital Seminar Committee
Member, Immunology Search Committee
Member, Institutional Review Board for Biohazards, Radioisotopes, Toxic Chemicals, and Carcinogens
Member Hospital GCRC Scientific Advisory Committee
Elected Senior Faculty Representative Academic Council
Member, Virology Search Committee

National
Arthritis Foundation Molecular Immunology study section 1993-1996
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NIH ALY Study Section Ad Hoc Reviewer, 1999
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Editorial:

1996-Present	Editor, The Journal of Experimental Medicine
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